

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(707) 576-2220

NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING
IN THE MATTER OF
ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT

HANES RANCH INC.
and
MR. JOHN HANES,
President, HANES RANCH INC.;

P.O. BOX 528
BOONVILLE, CA

MENDOCINO COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a hearing (unless waived) on August 27, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa. The hearing will be held to take evidence regarding administrative civil liability for violations including failure to submit technical reports required under Section 13267 of the California Water Code (CWC), failure to implement adequate cleanup and abatement efforts required under Section 13304 of the CWC, and discharges and threatened discharges in violation of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region. The Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2003-0081 (Complaint) was served by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer to Hanes Ranch, Inc., and Mr. John Hanes, President of Hanes Ranch Inc. on July 11, 2003.

At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will take evidence regarding the Complaint and will determine whether to confirm, reject or modify the Complaint.

The Dischargers and interested persons must submit to the Regional Water Board office at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California, 95403, written copies of all technical reports, testimony, and other evidentiary material concerning this issue by 5:00 p.m. on **August 12, 2003**. This written material will be submitted to the Regional Water Board members and all interested persons.

Written material received after the above date will not be accepted except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Dischargers or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Sections 648.1 and 648.4.).

All those who plan to testify at the hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Quality Control Board by **August 12, 2003**. Testimony at the above-scheduled hearing should be limited to a summary of the above-described written evidence. The time constraints for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and usually will allow no more than 10 minutes for Regional Water Board staff and the Dischargers, with more time

allowed as appropriate for more complex matters. Other interested persons are normally allowed up to three minutes each. A timer may be used and speakers are expected to honor the time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

The evidentiary documents and comments received are on file at the Regional Water Board office (5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California). The draft staff report will be available by August 1, 2003. Written materials on file may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office on Mondays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Appointments are recommended for file review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. The Complaint is also available for review on the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb1>.

Catherine E. Kulhman
Executive Officer

July 27, 2003

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